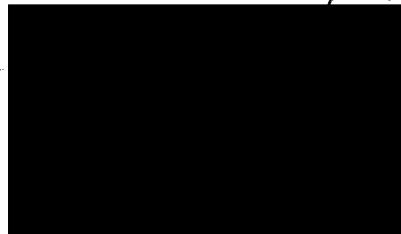


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We need one
just beginning. This is
about the best I've seen.
OPC may be interested.

ask Personnel to try
to find him and let's have
another interview

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Lawrence Houston, Esq., General Counsel
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My dear Mr. Houston:

May I thank you very much indeed for our conversation of Monday last. It was kind of you to see me, and I enjoyed your account of the sort of legal problems handled by your department.

Without any doubt, I think that your department is more attractive to a law graduate than any other that I have been able to discover in the Government service. A young lawyer just beginning his career is especially drawn, I think, toward a practice as general as yours; while the agreeable size and calibre of your Staff make it even more appealing.

It is, I am sure, to your advantage to seek the return of your colleague whom you mentioned as being especially able and experienced in your work, and I should not hope that you may not succeed in that effort. If, however, you should for any reason find it impossible to get him back and still have it in mind to augment your Staff, I hope that you may keep me in mind.

The weather has been unusually fine and spring-like in Charlottesville this week-end, though a trifle windy for tennis.

With kindest regards, and many thanks, I am

Respectfully yours,



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for interview.
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